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For: RNA POLYMERASE)

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REPLY & AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 20, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows. This response is timely submitted such that no extensions of time are necessary.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the Sequence Listing submitted herewith for that submitted previously on April 19, 2001.

In the substitute specification filed on May 20, 2002, please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 13, as follows:

The T7 RNA polymerase gene is prepared as follows: T7 phage DNA is purified.

51 Separately, a primer specific for upstream of N-terminus amino acid region of the T7 RNA polymerase gene (T7Rpol-N: 5'-ATA TTT TAG CCA TGG AGG ATT GAT ATA TGA